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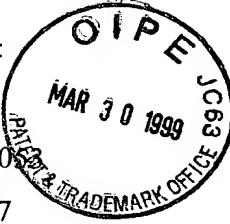
In re application of:

Janssens *et al.*

Appl. No. 08/896,053

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For: **Method of Inducing Vasodilation
and Treating Pulmonary
Hypertension Using Adenoviral-
Mediated Transfer of the Nitric
Oxide Synthase Gene**



Art Unit: 1632

Examiner: Anne Marie S. Beckerleg

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Amendment And Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated September 30, 1998, (PTO Prosecution File Wrapper Paper No. 6), Applicants submit the following Amendment and Remarks. Since a response was due in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on December 30, 1998, submitted herewith is a Petition for an Extension of Time, extending the time period for responding to this Office Action up to, and including, March 30, 1999.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

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